

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. - 48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently Amended) A settlement method for making settlement of payment for a plurality of different services service, the method comprising:

~~receiving by a user at an information terminal device an online slip including at least one ID number displayed on the information terminal device;~~

~~presenting the at least one ID number at a settlement terminal device at a retail location and paying a money amount by the user, said money amount being associated with the at least one ID number for use in future payment for services;~~

~~transmitting, by the settlement terminal device, the at least one ID number and the money amount as balance information to a settlement authentication device over a public network;~~

~~receiving, by a service provision device, a request for a specific service of said plurality of different services from the an information terminal device and the associated at least one ID number over a public network;~~

receiving, by the service provision device, a request for an ID number as a method of payment for the service requested by said information terminal device over the public network;

transmitting, by the service provision device, over the public network to said information terminal device and a the settlement authentication device, the ID number and a service amount when accepting ID number displayed on the information terminal device as the method of payment for the specific service requested by said information terminal device;

presenting the ID number displayed on the information terminal device as the method of payment for the service requested by said information terminal device at a settlement terminal device at a retail location and paying a money amount by a user, said money amount being associated with the service requested by the information terminal device;

transmitting, by the settlement terminal device, the ID number and the money amount to the settlement authentication device over the public network;

determining, by the settlement authentication device, whether the specific service of said plurality of services requested by the information terminal device can be provided to the user by referring to said ID number, the balance information, and the service amount as a settlement result;

transmitting, by the settlement authentication, the settlement result over the public network to the service provision device; and

providing the specific service requested by the information terminal device to the user when the settlement result indicates that the balance information exceeded the service amount the settlement is authenticated.

50. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 49, wherein, the step of determining whether said specific service can be provided further includes that, if the current balance is less than the service amount of the specific service to be provided by a predetermined amount of money, said settlement authentication device causes the transmission of warning information to said information terminal device.

51. – 68. (Canceled)

69. (New) A system for making settlement of payment for a service, the system comprising:

a settlement authentication device; and

a service provision device configured to receive a request for a service from an information terminal device over a public network, to receive a request for an ID number as a method of payment for the service requested by the information terminal device over the public network, and to transmit over the public network to the information terminal device and the settlement authentication device, the ID number as the method of payment for the specific service requested by the information terminal device;

wherein the settlement authentication device is configured to receive over the public network, from a settlement terminal device, the ID number presented by a user and a money amount associated with the service requested and paid by the user at the settlement terminal device, to determine whether the service requested by the information terminal device can be provided to the user by referring to the ID

number, and the service amount as a settlement result, and to transmit the settlement result over the public network to the service provision device; and wherein the service provision device is configured to provide the service requested by the information terminal device to the user when the settlement result indicates the settlement is authenticated.

70. (New) The system according to claim 69, wherein, the settlement authentication device causes the transmission of warning information to the information terminal device if the current balance is less than the service amount of the specific service to be provided by a predetermined amount of money.